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1. FOR POSTS' BACKGROUND THE FOLLOWING IS A STATUS REPORT OF ICAO SEC GEN ELECTION. INFORMATION MAY BE OF USE DURING BALLOTING AT COUNCIL MEETING FIRST PART OF APRIL OR IN LOCAL CONVERSATIONS BEFORE THEN. REFTEL BEING REPEATED ALSO FOR POSTS' INFORMATION AND USE.

2. NOMINATIONS CLOSED MARCH 1 WITH SIX (6) CANDIDATES IN RACE: LAMBERT, FRANCE; LAMI DOZO, ARGENTINA; VIVIAN, U.K.; BARKAH, INDONESIA; SILVA DIAZ, NICARAGUA; AND DILLON, U.S. THERE ARE RUMORS ONE OR TWO OF THESE MAY WITHDRAW BUT AT THIS TIME WE CAN ONLY EXPECT ALL SIX TO BE ON THE BALLOT APRIL 5. PROCEDURES DO NOT PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES TO BE INTRODUCED.

3. IF APPROVED BY ICAO COUNCIL LATER THIS MONTH, VOTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS. ALL BALLOTS WILL BE SECRET. FIRST BALLOT WILL ELIMINATE ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO VOTES AND IS AIMED AT LIMITING

FIELD TO FOUR CANDIDATES. AFTER SECOND BALLOT FIELD OF CANDIDATES WILL BE CONSTRICTED TO THREE WITH A SEPARATE ELECTION BEING HELD TO DETERMINE THIRD PLACE IN THE EVENT THERE IS A TIE FOR THAT POSITION.

4. THERE WILL BE A RECESS OF ONE WEEK BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD BALLOTS TO ALLOW DELEGATIONS TO SEEK GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS. THE THIRD BALLOT IS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 12 AND WILL NARROW THE SLATE TO TWO CANDIDATES. THE "LAST" BALLOT WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY.

5. BALLOTING WILL TERMINATE AT ANY TIME ONE CANDIDATE RECEIVES SIXTEEN (16) OF THE THIRTY POSSIBLE VOTES ON THE COUNCIL. IN CASE NO CANDIDATE RECEIVES 16 VOTES ON THE "LAST" BALLOT THERE WILL BE RECESS OF 24 HOURS TO PERMIT CONSULTATIONS THEN ANOTHER "LAST" BALLOT WILL BE TAKEN. IF THERE IS AGAIN NO MAJORITY A LONGER RECESS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS. THIS RECESS WILL BE REPEATED UNTIL A CANDIDATE GETS 16 VOTES BUT COUNCIL IS TO ADJOURN APRIL 15 SO THERE WILL BE SOME PRESSURE TO COME TO A DECISION WITHOUT A PROLONGED DELAY FOR BALLOTING AND CONSULTATIONS.

6. DURING RECENT CANVASS OF DELEGATIONS TO ICAO IN MONTREAL WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND A DELEGATION WHICH SAID IT HAD RECEIVED DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE, SO IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF ANY CANDIDATE. DURING THE SAME CANVASS TEN DELEGATIONS TOLD US THEY HAD RECOMMENDED TO THEIR GOVERNMENT THAT THEY BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT MRS. DILLON'S CANDIDACY. FOR THIS REASON, AND THE RUMORS OF SUPPORT WE HEARD WAS BUILDING UP FOR HER, WE ARE ENCOURAGED ABOUT HER PROSPECTS AND BELIEVE POSTS SHOULD REFLECT THIS AS APPROPRIATE IN ANY CONVERSATIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH APPROPRIATE BRANCHES OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP POSTS ADVISED. KISSINGER

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